

# Precision Medicine Initiative for Oncology Including Development of Improved Preclinical Cancer Models

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# Precision Medicine Initiative

## Proposed FY16 Support

Agency	\$ Million
NIH	200
• <i>Cancer</i>	70
• <i>Cohort</i>	130
FDA	10
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	5
TOTAL	\$215

## Precision Medicine Initiative: Oncology

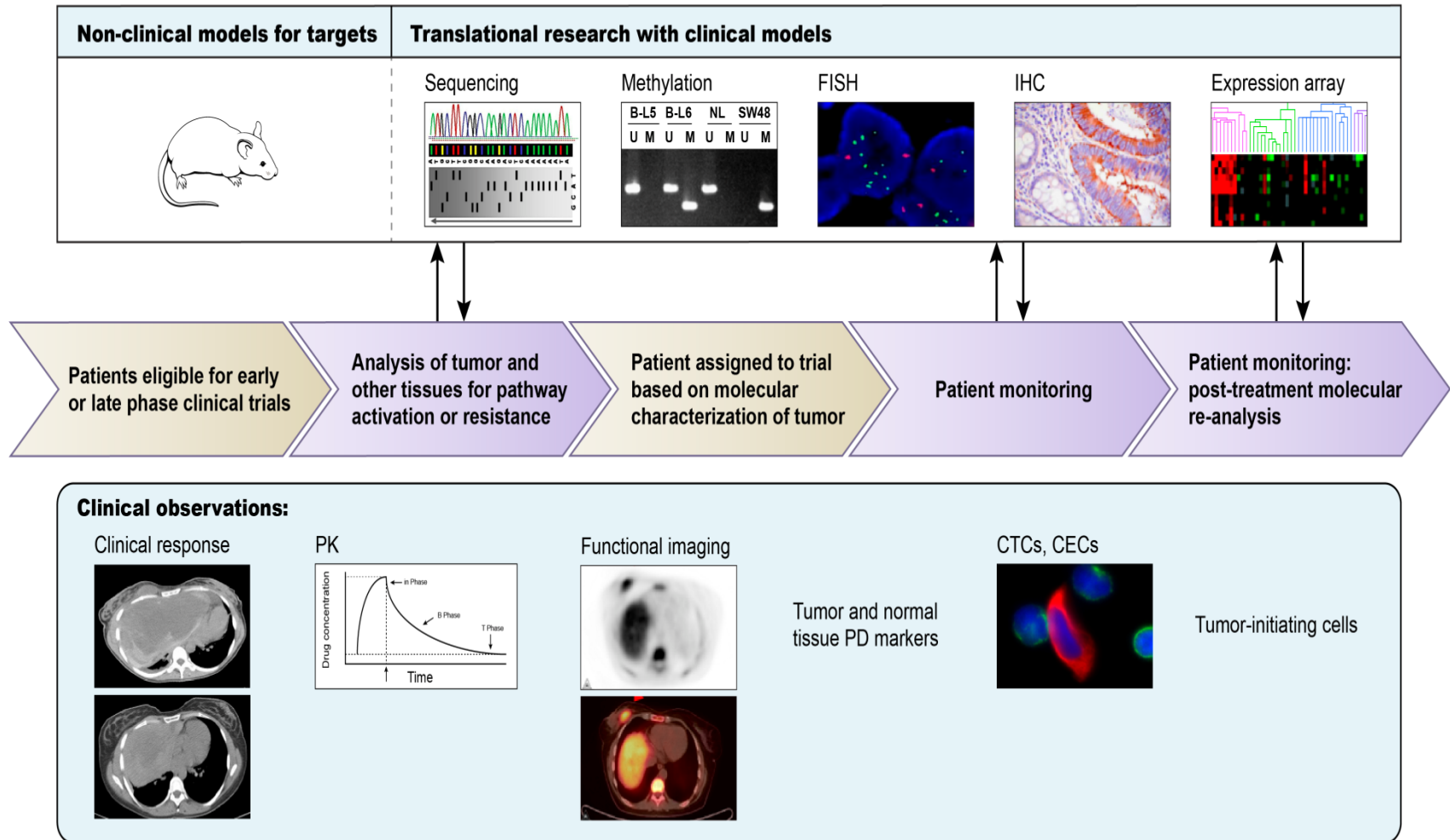
### What Problems Are We Trying to Solve?

- For most of its 70-year history, systemic cancer treatment has relied on drugs marginally more toxic to malignant cells than to normal tissues
- Molecular markers to predict benefit or understand therapeutic resistance in the clinic have usually been lacking

### Proposed Solution to These Problems

- Use genomics to Identify and target molecular vulnerabilities of individual cancers

# Precision Medicine/Oncology in Practice



# Precision Medicine Initiative: Oncology

*Resources:*  
*Scope*  
*Speed*  
*Scale*

Goal: Increase Genomics-Based Clinical and Preclinical Studies of Cancer Treatment

1. Expand genomics-based clinical trials
2. Understand & overcome resistance to targeted drugs; drug combinations; and mechanistic understanding of immunotherapy
3. Build repository of patient-derived pre-clinical models for evaluating targeted therapeutics
4. Create national cancer database to integrate genomic information with clinical response and outcome

# Precision Oncology Trials Launched

## **2014:**

- MPACT
- Lung MAP
- ALCHEMIST
- Exceptional Responders

## **2015:**

- NCI-MATCH

## **Pending:**

- ALK Inhibitor
- MET Inhibitor
- Pediatric MATCH

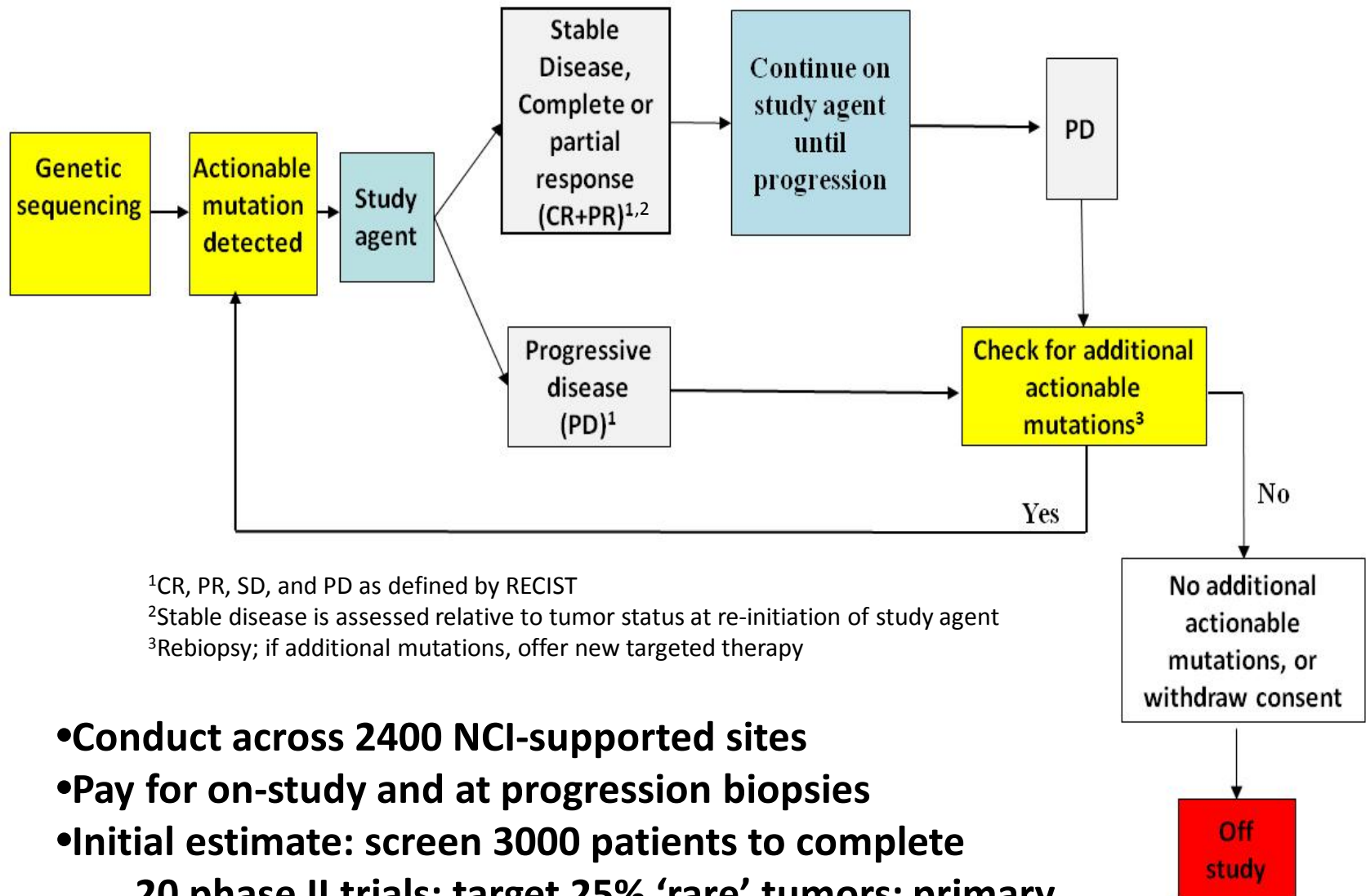
## Precision Oncology Trials: NCI-MATCH

### NCI-MATCH: Features

[**M**olecular **A**nalysis for **T**herapy **C**hoice]

- Foundational treatment/discovery trial; assigns therapy based on molecular abnormalities, not site of tumor origin for patients without standard therapy
- Regulatory umbrella for phase II drugs/studies from > 20 companies; single agents or combinations
- Validated gene sequencing at 4 sites; >98% concordance for “locked down” analysis of mutations in 143 genes; fresh biopsies at study entry
- Available nationwide (2400 sites); CIRB
- Accrual began mid-August 2015; 160 patients accrued first 4 weeks

# NCI MATCH



- Conduct across 2400 NCI-supported sites
- Pay for on-study and at progression biopsies
- Initial estimate: screen 3000 patients to complete 20 phase II trials; target 25% 'rare' tumors; primary endpoint RR 5% vs. 25%



# NCI-MATCH: Initial Ten Studies

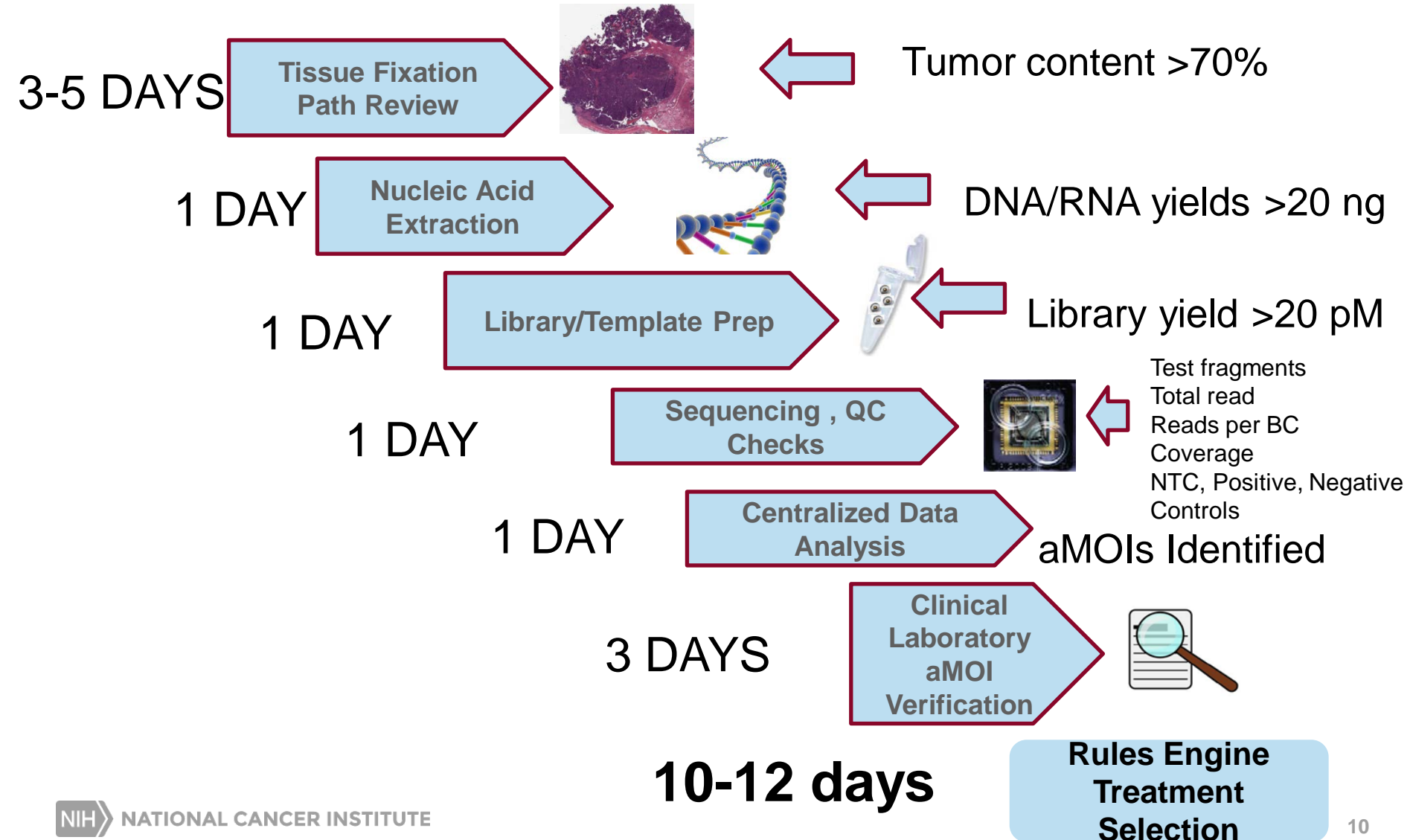
Agent(s)	Molecular Target(s)	Estimated Prevalence
Crizotinib	ALK Rearrangement (non-lung adenocarcinoma)	4%
Crizotinib	ROS1 Translocations (non-lung adenocarcinoma)	5%
Dabrafenib and Trametinib	BRAF V600E or V600K Mutations (non-melanoma)	7%
Trametinib	BRAF Fusions, or Non-V600E, Non-V600K BRAF Mutations (non-melanoma)	2.8%
Afatinib	EGFR Activating Mutations (non-lung adenoca)	1 – 4%
Afatinib	HER2 Activating Mutations (non-lung adenoca)	2 – 5%
AZD9291	EGFR T790M Mutations and Rare EGFR Activating Mutations (non-lung adenocarcinoma)	1 – 2%
TDM1	HER2 Amplification (non breast cancer)	5%
VS6063	NF2 Loss	2%
Sunitinib	cKIT Mutations (non GIST)	4%

***Agents and targets below grey line are pending final regulatory review; economies of scale—larger number of agents/genes, fewer overall patients to screen***

***≈ 35%***

# MATCH Assay: Workflow for 10-12 Day Turnaround

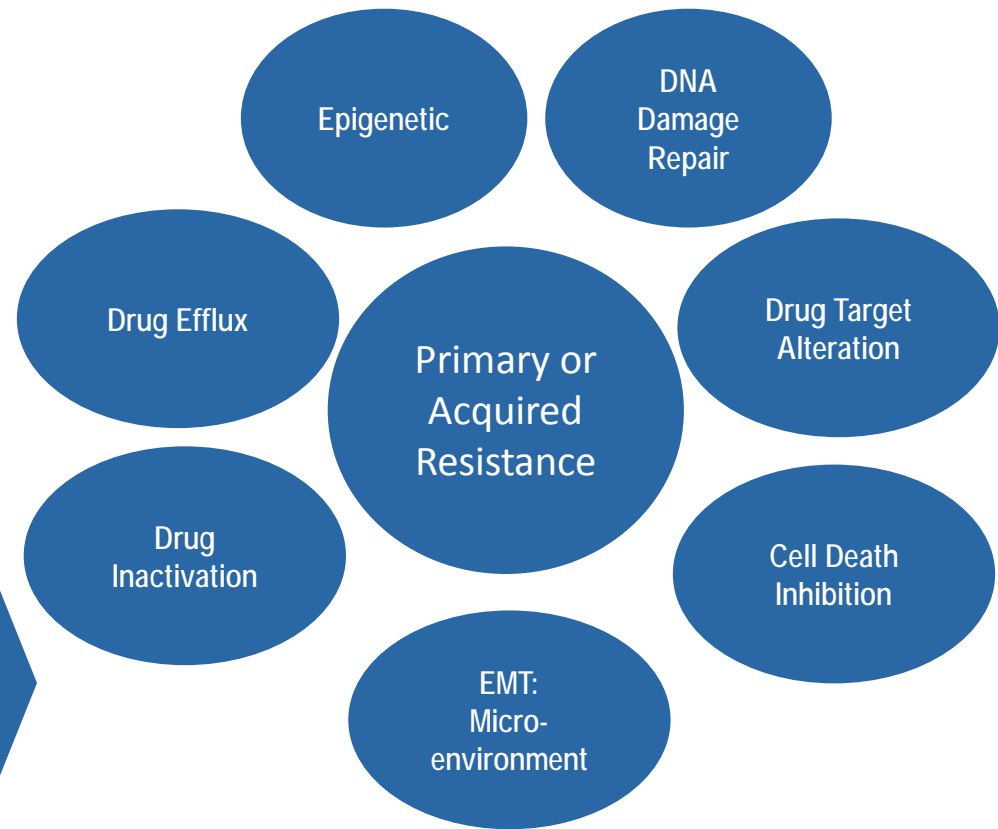
Biopsy Received at Quality Control Center



## PMI-O: Expanding Genomically-Based Cancer Trials (FY16-FY20)

- Accelerate Launch of NCI-Pediatric MATCH
- Broaden the NCI-MATCH Umbrella:
  - ✓ Expand/add new Phase II trials to explore novel clinical signals—mutation/disease context
  - ✓ Add new agents for new trials, and add new genes to panel based on evolving evidence
  - ✓ Add combination targeted agent studies
  - ✓ Perform Whole Exome Sequencing, RNAseq, and proteomic studies on quality-controlled biopsy specimens—extent of research based on resource availability
  - ✓ Add broader range of hematologic malignancies
- Perform randomized Phase II studies or hand-off to NCTN where appropriate signals observed
- Apply genomics resources to define new predictive markers in novel immunotherapy trials
- Expand approach to 'exceptional responders': focus on mechanisms of response/resistance in pilot studies

# Mechanisms of Resistance To Targeted Cancer Therapeutics



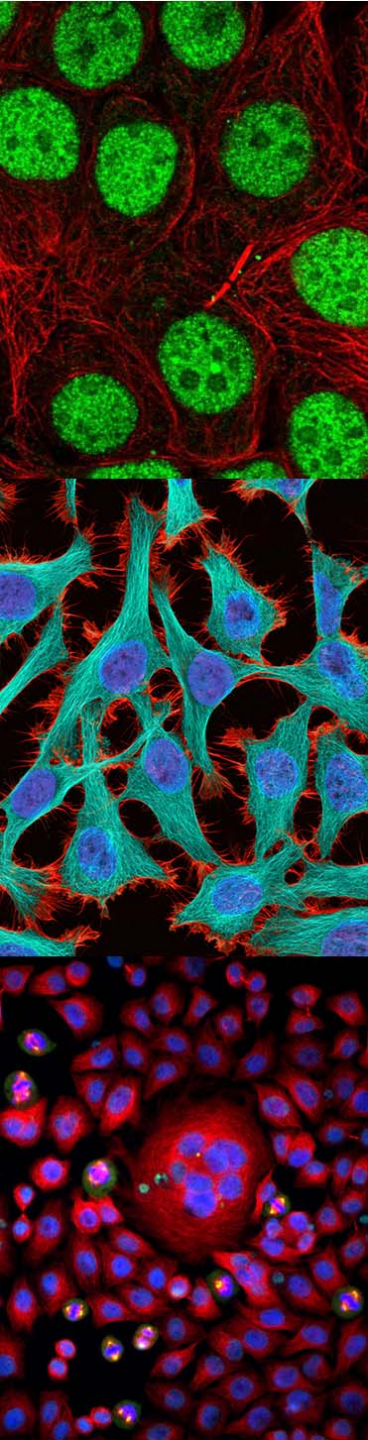
- Broad range of mechanisms
- Until recently, tools to interrogate possibilities *in vivo* quite limited
- Resistance to single agents inevitable: 1<sup>o</sup> or acquired; *requires combinations* but data to provide molecular rationale for the combination (both therapy & toxicity) not often available

## PMI-O: Understanding and overcoming resistance to therapy (FY16-FY20)

- Create a repository of molecularly analyzed samples of resistant disease
- Expand the use of tumor profiling methods such as circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and fragments of tumor DNA in blood to understand and monitor disease progression
- Develop new cancer models to identify the heterogeneity of resistance mechanisms
- Use preclinical modeling to determine the effectiveness of new combinations of novel molecularly targeted investigational agents

## PMI-O: Developing new models for preclinical studies (FY16-FY20)

- Launch the Human Cancer Models Initiative (HCMI) and develop representative human cancer model systems for the research community
- Expand the number and availability of novel human cell lines and patient-derived xenographs
- Enhance the ability to predict the success of immunotherapy through the examination of malignancies that have shown response to immune checkpoint therapy in novel model systems



# Modeling the Diversity of Human Cancer: An Unmet Need

- Genetic analysis has identified recurrent genetic lesions in cancer that range in frequency from 1% - >50% of cases.
- Most cancer cell lines have not been directly compared to the primary tumor using current genomic methods.
- Existing cell line models of common cancer types are suspect biologically and genetically (e.g. prostate CA)
- Models of rare cancer subtypes may be nonexistent or underrepresented
- Models do not exist for many recurrent genetic lesions in human cancer, and for common combinations of lesions
- Existing models do not recapitulate hierarchical relationships of tumor subpopulations (i.e. tumor propagating cells, stroma)
- Baseline clinical data and response to treatment are typically not available for existing cancer cell lines

## PMI-O: Developing a national cancer knowledge system to support precision medicine (FY16-FY20)

- Establish NCI's Genomic Data Commons (GDC) to facilitate the identification of subtypes of cancers and potential new drug targets
- Develop secure, flexible, meaningful, interoperable interfaces to provide for the analysis of large-scale cancer genomic and clinical data
- Establish a sustainable infrastructure for cancer genomic data to allow for the analysis of multiple data types, multi-scalar data, and temporal data



# The NCI Genomic Data Commons (GDC): Rationale

- The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) project and many other NCI funded cancer genomics projects each currently have their own data coordinating center
  - ✓ Raw data and results stored in many different repositories; confusing to users, inefficient, barrier to research
- GDC will be a single repository for all NCI cancer genomics data
  - ✓ Will include data from existing and new NCI cancer genomics efforts
  - ✓ Will allow researchers to upload, analyze, and share their own cancer genomic data
  - ✓ Store all data including raw data
  - ✓ Harmonize the data as appropriate
  - ✓ Will be the authoritative reference data set

# Precision Medicine Initiative for Oncology: Extramural presentations and workshops

## Recent & Ongoing Input from Extramural Community

- Joint meeting of NCI Board of Scientific Advisors & National Cancer Advisory Board., **June 2015**
- Organoids & Reprogrammed Cell Lines: Lou Staudt, M.D., Ph.D., **July 2015**
- Exceptional Responders Workshop—Next Steps: Barbara Conley, M.D., **March 2016**
- Immunotherapy—Combination Approaches and NGS: Helen Chen, M.D., **January 2016**
- PDX Models, Combination Therapy, and Drug Resistance: J. Doroshow, M.D. and Dinah Singer, Ph.D., **January 2016**
- Genomic Data Commons workshop: W. Kibbe, Ph.D. and Lou Staudt, M.D., Ph.D., **Fall, 2016**

# Patient-Derived Models Repository to Support Cancer Discovery & Therapeutics Development

September 2015

**Goal:** Develop a program attractive to academia and industry to create and produce clinically-annotated, patient-derived mouse and cell-based model systems for cancer discovery and therapeutics development in support of extramural investigators

## FNLCR Patient Derived Cancer Models Repository: Issues for Consideration

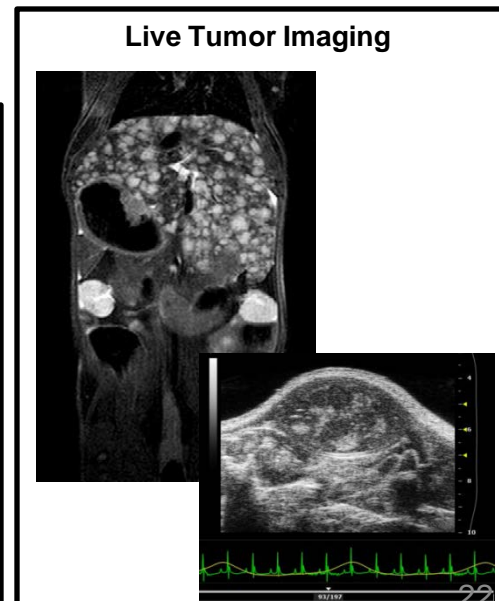
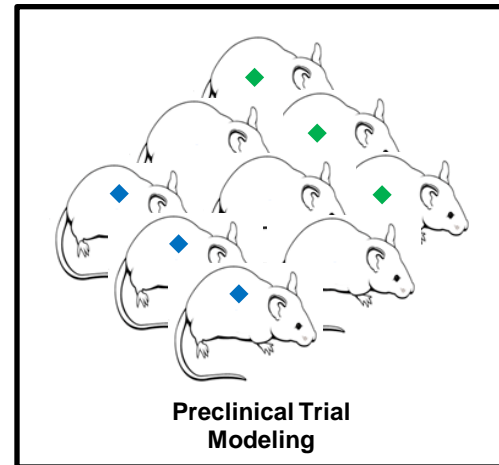
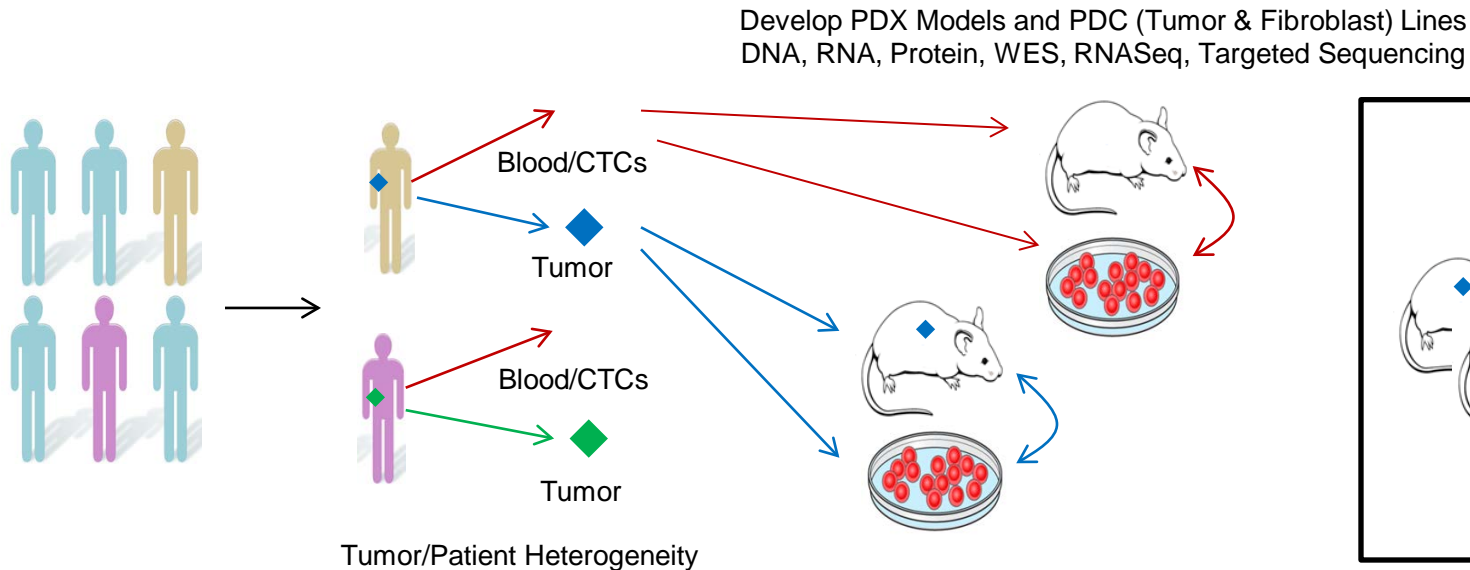
- Development of PDM Repository—update since February 2014
- Novel cancer models
- Considerations for future use



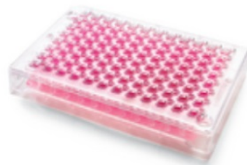
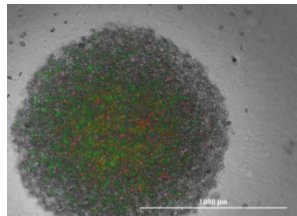
# NCI Patient-Derived Models (PDM) Repository

- A national repository of PDMs to serve as a resource for academic discovery efforts and public-private partnerships for drug discovery comprised of:
  - clinically-annotated patient-derived xenografts (PDXs),
  - patient-derived tumor cell cultures (PDCs, including conditionally-reprogrammed tumor cell cultures) developed from 1<sup>o</sup> or metastatic tumors and/or PDXs,
- NCI to provide long-term home for >1000 PDX and PDC models each produced from tissues and blood supplied by NCI-designated Cancer Centers, NCTN & ETCTN
  - Target collections of tumors less prevalent in current resources (eg., Small Cell Lung, Pancreatic, Head/Neck, Ovarian & Bladder cancers; Prostate, Kidney, Sarcomas, Melanomas)
- Goals:
  - ✓ ~50 unique patient models (solid & derived tumor line) per disease (min) with sufficient size of each molecularly-characterized subgroup to power validation and/or efficacy studies
  - ✓ Comprehensive pre-competitive molecular characterization of samples and earliest passage PDXs: MPACT mutation panel, WES, RNAseq, copy number, histology, growth curves, and proteomics/phospho-proteomics (pilot study)
  - ✓ All models and associated data made available through a publicly available website

# NCI Patient-Derived Models Repository: Multiple Avenues for Discovery



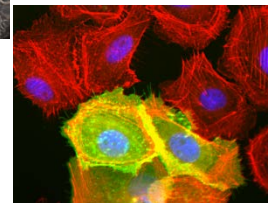
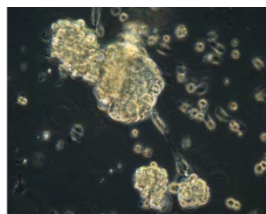
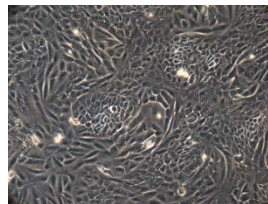
## 3D Culture, 3D Pharmacodynamics



### Increasing Drug Concentration

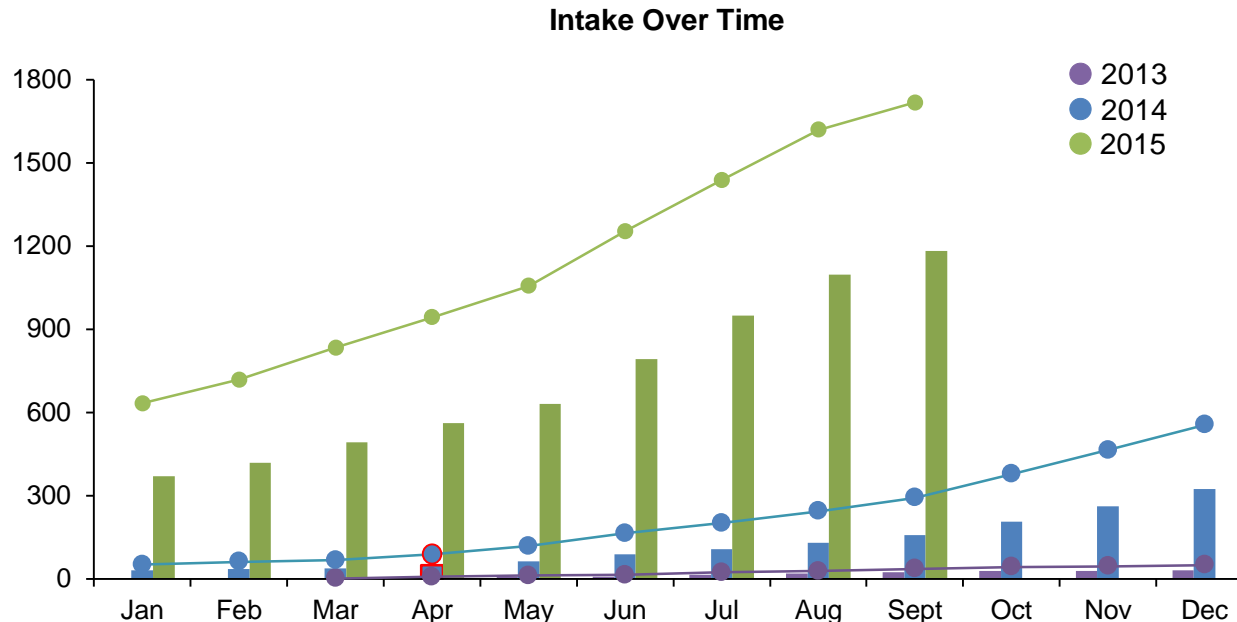


## 2D Culture, Spheroid growth



# Specimen Acquisition for Model Development

- Currently receiving tissue (resections, biopsies) and blood samples for CTC enrichment from two separate tissue procurement protocols (06-C-0213 [NCI] and 9846 [CIRB])
- Clinical centers include 2 NCI clinics, 16 NCI comprehensive cancer centers, and 23 ETCTN/NCORP LAO/LPOs with >140 participating sites.

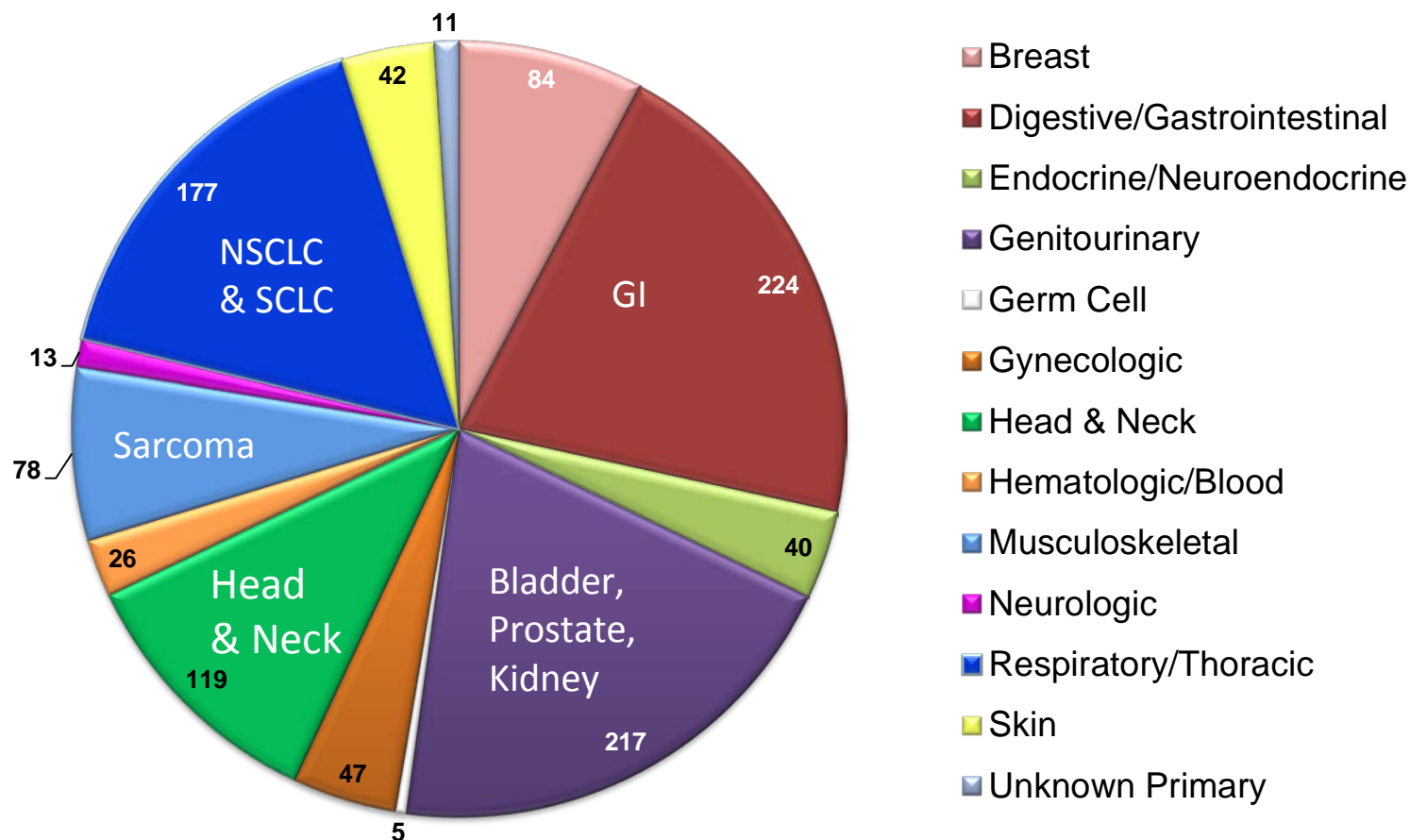


Lines Graph: Total Specimens  
Bars Graph: Total Patients

Updated 9/21/2015

# NCI Patient-Derived Models Repository

## Patient Tumor Types by Disease Location



As of Sept, 21 2015

Total Number of Specimens (tissue and blood) Received: 1502

Total Number of Patients: 1083



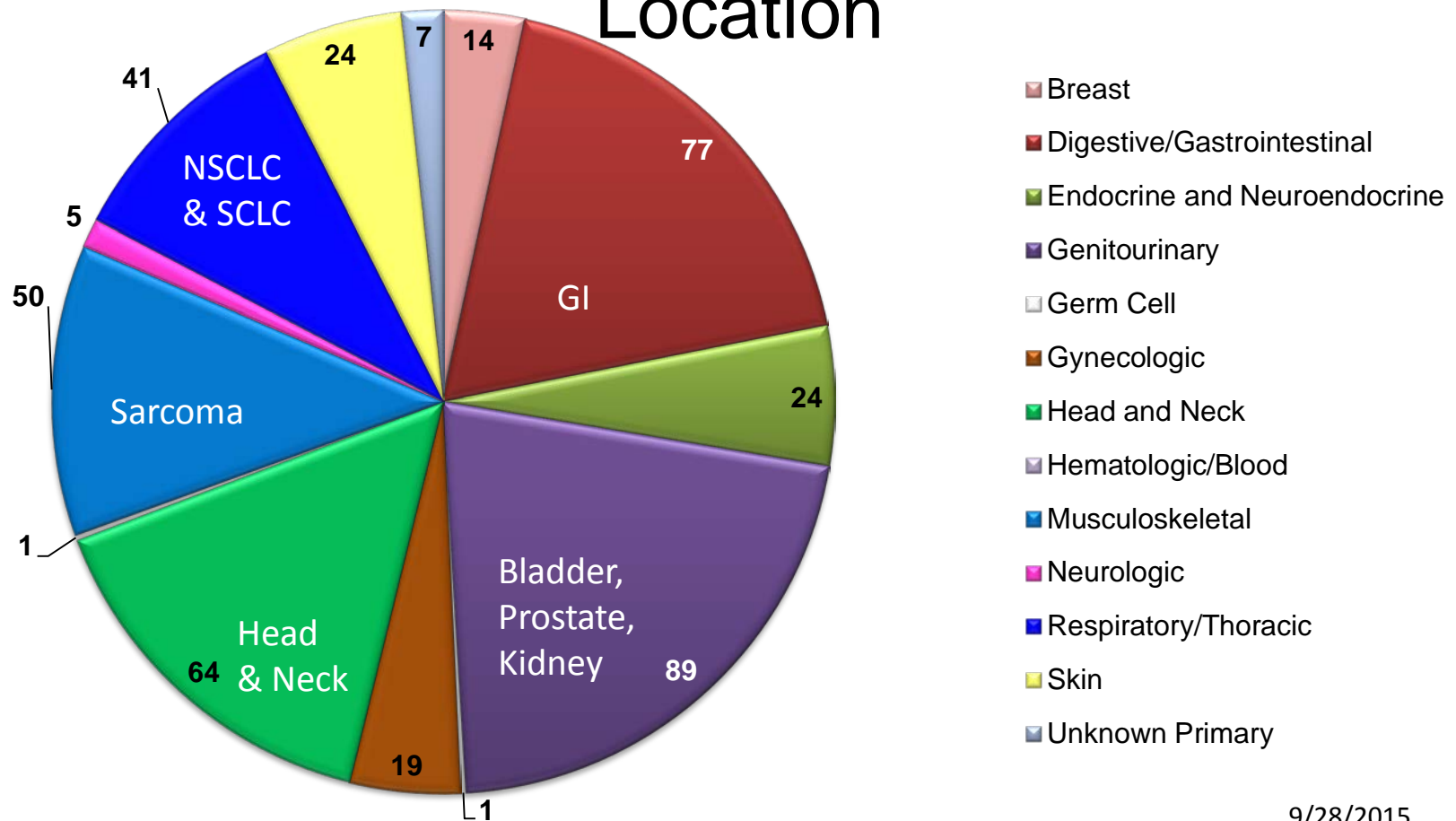
# PDX Take-Rate from Tumor Tissue Implantations

Body Location	Total Received	Total Assessable Specimens (>P0)	%Take-Rate of Assessable Specimens	Passageable Tumor*	Discontinued†	Not Yet Assessable: P0 tumors
Breast	16	3	0%	0	3	13
Digestive/ Gastrointestinal	103	59	78%	46	13	44
Endocrine/ Neuroendocrine	24	7	43%	3	4	17
Genitourinary	108	48	54%	26	22	60
Germ Cell	1	0		0	0	1
Gynecologic	23	18	50%	9	9	5
Head and Neck	97	70	79%	55	15	27
Hematologic/Blood	1	0		0	0	1
Musculoskeletal	86	31	58%	18	13	55
Neurologic	4	1	0%	0	1	3
Respiratory/Thoracic	44	25	80%	20	5	19
Skin	31	15	87%	13	2	16
Unknown Primary	8	4	50%	2	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>265</b>

\*Passageable Tumor Includes any PDX where a palpable tumor has been passaged to at least P1 as well as Distributable PDXs. One or more of QC steps for PDX confirmation are pending for earlier passages.

†Discontinued (1) Did not successfully grow palpable tumor in P0 (monitored 300 days), (2) Passaged tumor failed to grow in subsequent passages, (3) Mouse found dead/tumor not passageable, (4) Palpable tumors were 100% murine content, (5) xenograft-associated lymphoproliferative disease (XALD: host-versus-graft disease or human lymphoma out-growth)

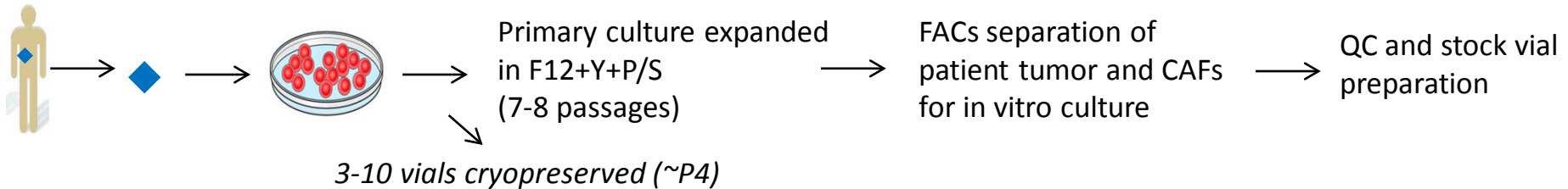
# PDC Patient Tumor Types by Disease Location



9/28/2015

Total number of cultures that have either been (1) Completed or are (2) In Progress for initial *in vitro* growth: **416**  
*Discontinued no-growth models not included in chart*

# In vitro Culture of Patient-Derived Tissue

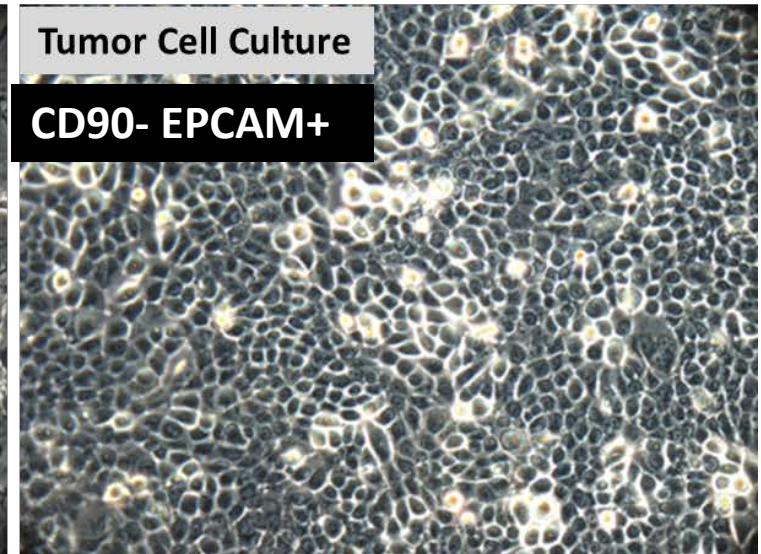
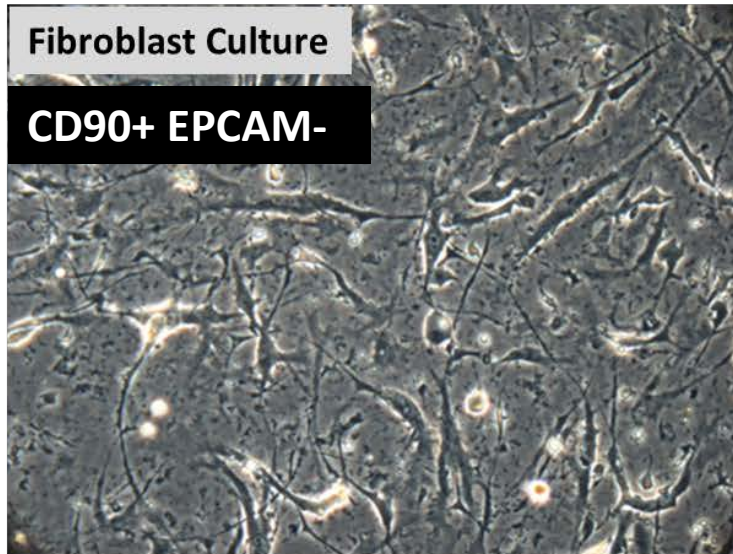


	<b>Grown to P4</b>	<b>Tumor Material Present After FACS</b>	<b>CAFs Present After FACS</b>
Total Attempted Cultures	578	341	341
#In Initial or Post-FACS Culture	52	69	33
Total Assessable Cultures	526	272	308
#Successful	341	--	--
#Discontinued (no growth)	185	79	30
#Discontinued (cell type not present)	--	118	87
Sorted, Tumor Cells Present*	--	75	N/A
Sorted, CAF Present*	--	N/A	191

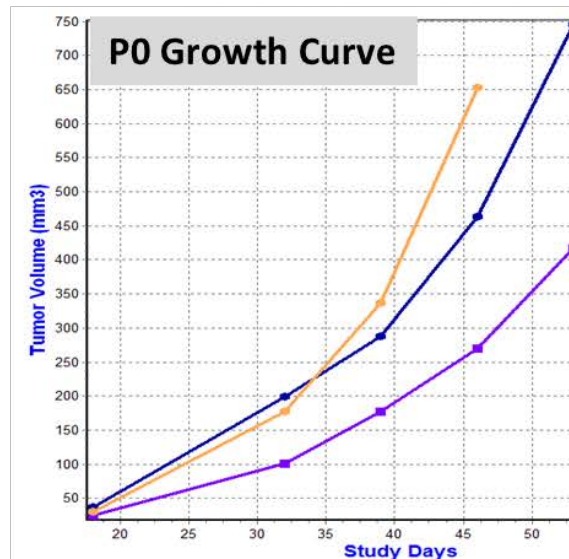
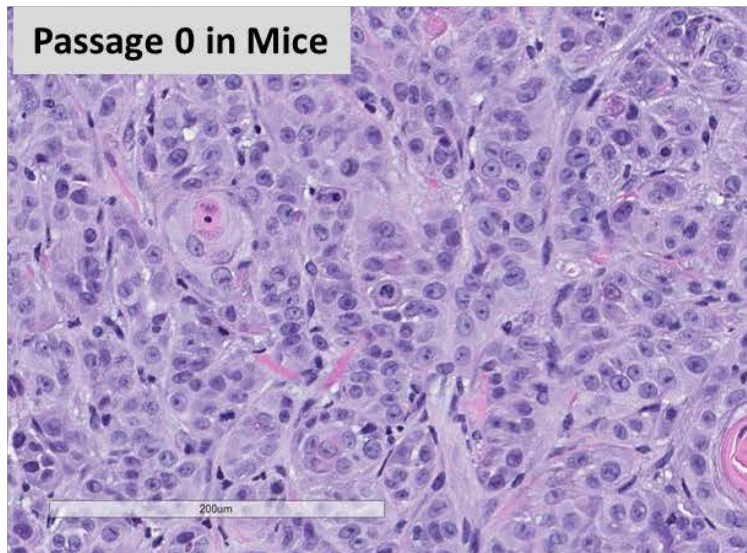
- \*After initial isolation of tumor cells or CAFs by FACS, cultures are expanded and may be resorted to achieve **>99%** pure cultures.
- Cultures then undergo final QC including: Genomic studies, Identifiler, karyotyping, tumorigenicity testing, growth rate assessment, and verification that distribution lots will grow for up to 20 passages from freeze.

# Salivary Gland Adenocarcinoma

In vitro



In vivo





# PDM Quality Control Steps

## Patient-Derived Xenografts (PDX)

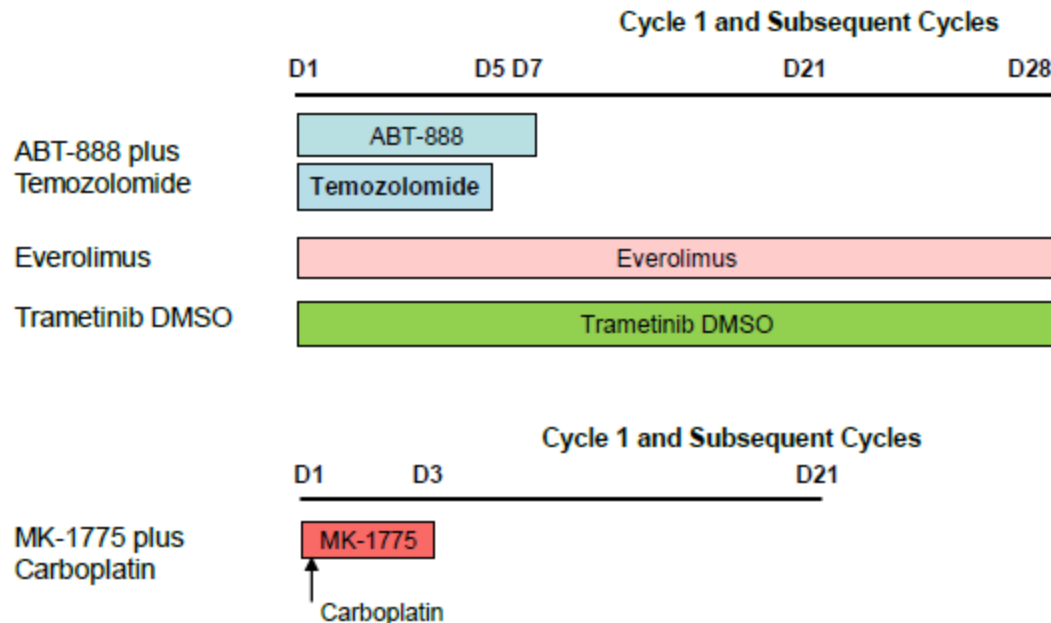
- **Initial QC**
  - Verify pathology matches patient diagnosis
  - Human:Mouse DNA ratio
- **Distribution Lot (DL) QC**
  - Verify pathology of all PDXs contributing to DL
  - Identifiler comparison to Passage 0
  - Whole Exome Sequencing , MPACT assay, and RNASeq of 6 PDXs performed; 1 deep sequence and 5 shallow sequence. Reviewed for concordance with primary and/or P0.
  - Verify regrowth of cryopreserved fragment

## Patient-Derived Cell (PDC) Cultures

- **Initial QC**
  - Use FACs sorting to isolate tumor cultures and cancer-associated fibroblast cultures
  - Determine doubling time, and optimal growth conditions
  - Perform qRT-PCR for tumor versus fibroblast cell phenotype
  - Human:mouse DNA ratio if tumor cells originated from a PDX rather than directly from human donor
- **Distribution Lot (DL) QC**
  - FACS and qRT-PCR analysis to verify purity
  - Identifiler comparison to early passage in vitro culture, and when possible to PDX
  - Whole Exome Sequencing, MPACT assay, and RNASeq of 6 PDXs performed; 1 deep sequence and 5 shallow sequence. Reviewed for concordance with PDX
  - Karyotyping performed
  - Verify growth of cryopreserved vial for tumor lines and lack of growth for CAF lines as PDXs

# Preclinical MPACT:

## Modeling NCI-MPACT Clinical Trial 13-C-0105

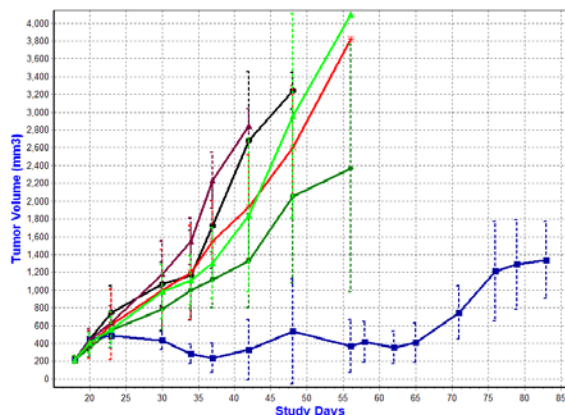


### Preclinical trial dosing modeled after the CLINICAL TRIAL:

- Patients with specified mutations of interest will be assigned to receive **one** of the following study drugs or drug combinations at the assigned dose.
- **ABT-888** 40 mg orally BID qd days 1-7 plus **temozolomide** 150 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally qd days 1-5 (no food restrictions) in 28-day cycles
- **Everolimus** 10 mg orally each day (no food restrictions) in 28-day cycles
- **Trametinib DMSO**: 2 mg orally each day either one hour before or two hours after a meal in 28-day cycles
- **MK-1775** 225 mg orally BID for 5 doses either at least two hours before or two hours after a meal plus **carboplatin** (AUC 5) IV on day 1 every 3 weeks (21-day cycle)

# Preclinical MPACT Bladder Models

(Group) NSC	Drug
(G1)	vehicle
(G2) 733504	Everolimus
(G4) 758246	Trametinib
(G6) 752840	ABT-888
362856	Temazolomide
(G8) 754352	MK-1775
241240	Carboplatin



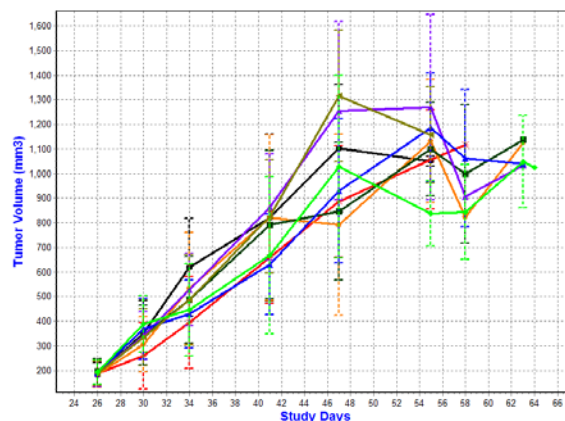
**BL0382**

Bladder Cancer,  
transitional cell ca

MPACT aMOI TP53-E336 (stop codon)

Assign: MK1775+Carboplatin

Of interest

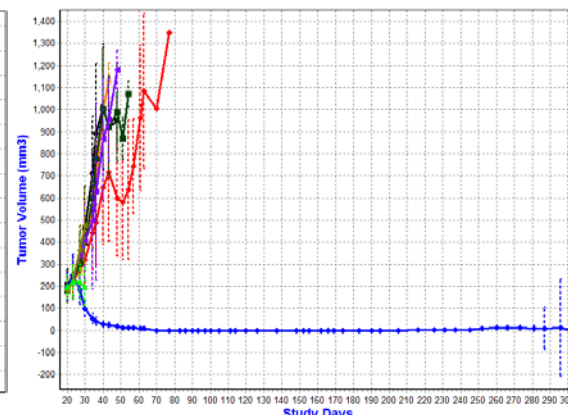


**BL0269**

Bladder Cancer,  
invasive

PIK3C-H1074R

Everolimus



**BL0293**

Bladder Cancer, sarcomatoid  
differentiation

TP53-R248Q

MK1775+Carboplatin

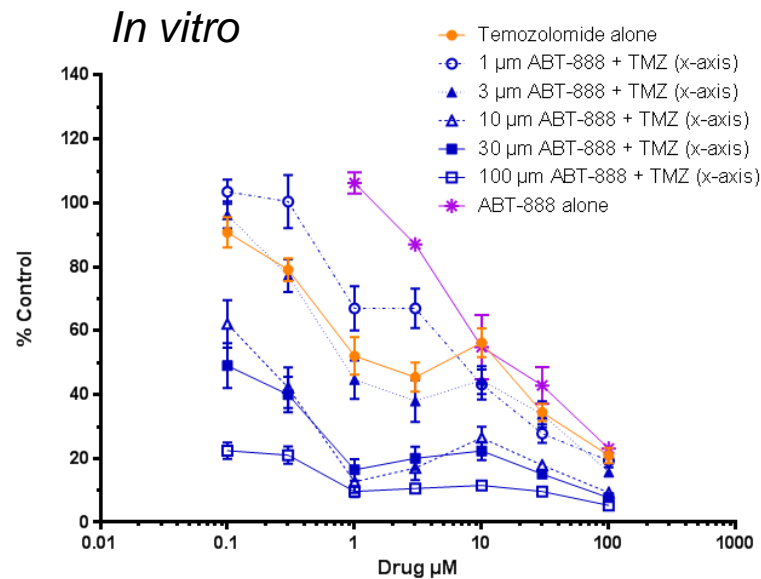
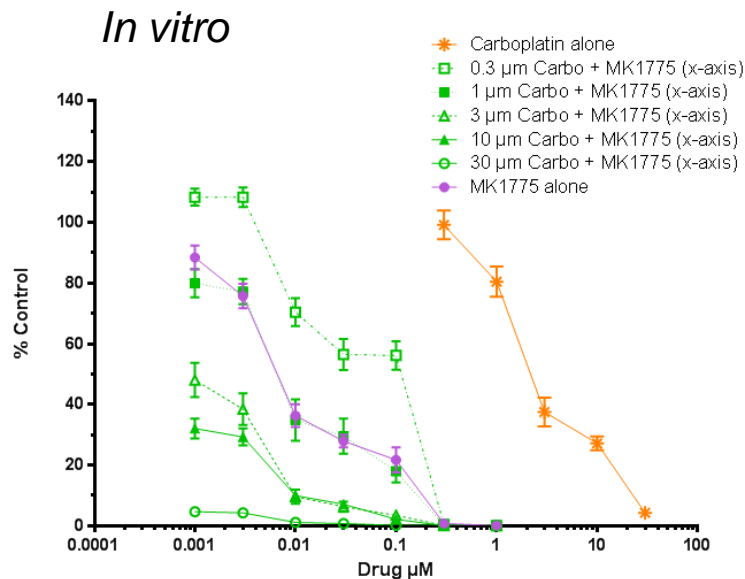
BRCA2-R2034C (coseg-  
regated in a male breast ca  
family in the Dutch BRCA1/2  
database)

# Planned Analysis of Preclinical MPACT

- To date 12 models have completed the Preclinical NCI-MPACT study, 3 are ongoing and an additional 7 models are in the queue for tumor growth and treatment.
- Whole exome sequencing and RNASeq are being performed at baseline and at pre-defined times during the study.
- In a PDX model, what correlates with response to drug? While complete regressions and no response can be categorized fairly easily; what is/can be called a drug response in between those two extremes can be difficult to define.
  - ✓ We currently evaluating different criteria for tumor doubling times and event-free survival to assign a numerical value for the relative survival of different treatment groups.
  - ✓ Once criteria have been established, comparison of RNASeq data for models that survive statistically longer than others within a treatment cohort will begin.



# Bladder Model BL0293: *In Vitro* and *In Vivo* Response

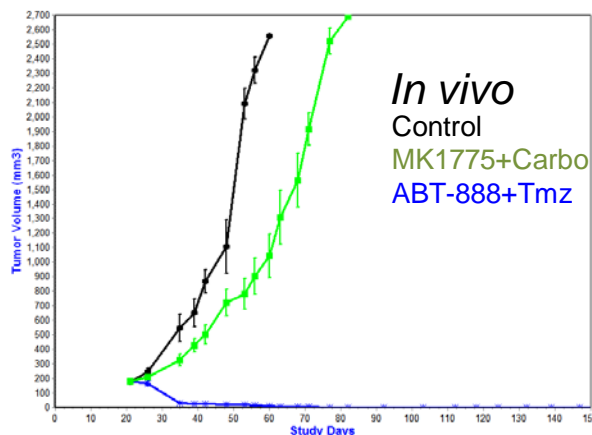


## CI values: MK1775 + Carboplatin

ED50 3.52 = antagonistic

ED75 2.19 = antagonistic

ED90 1.4 = antagonistic



## CI values: ABT-888 + Temozolomide

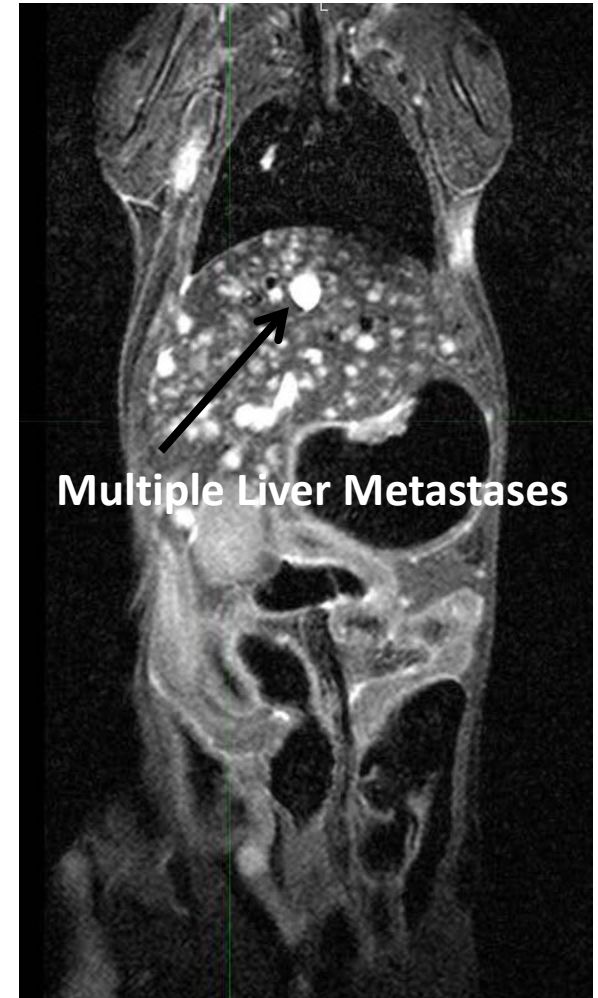
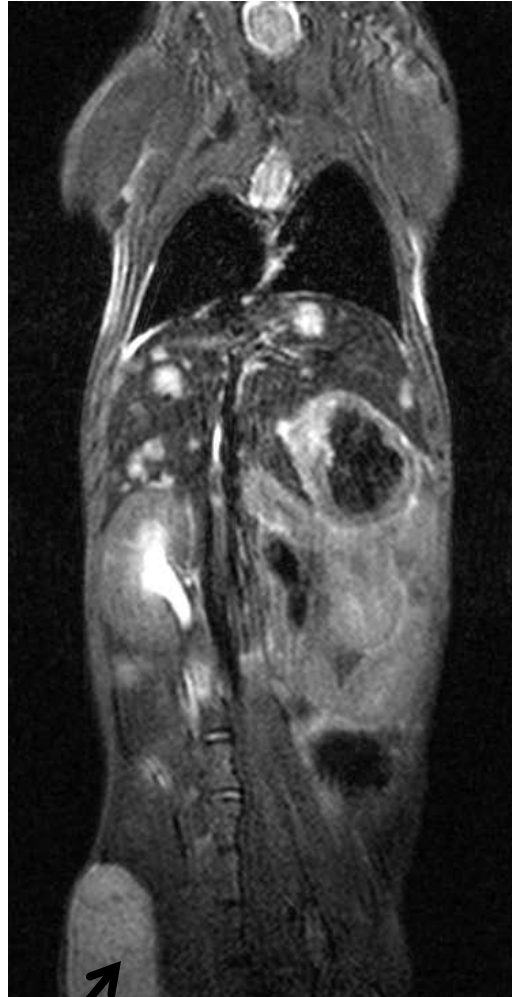
ED50 5.04 = antagonistic

ED75 0.65 = synergistic

ED90 0.47 = synergistic

*In vitro* data confirmed that BL0293 was more sensitive to  
ABT-888 + Temozolomide than MK1775 + Carboplatin

**BL-0293 Bladder PDX Implanted in 3 NSG mice on 6/8/2015**  
**MRI 7/30/2015**

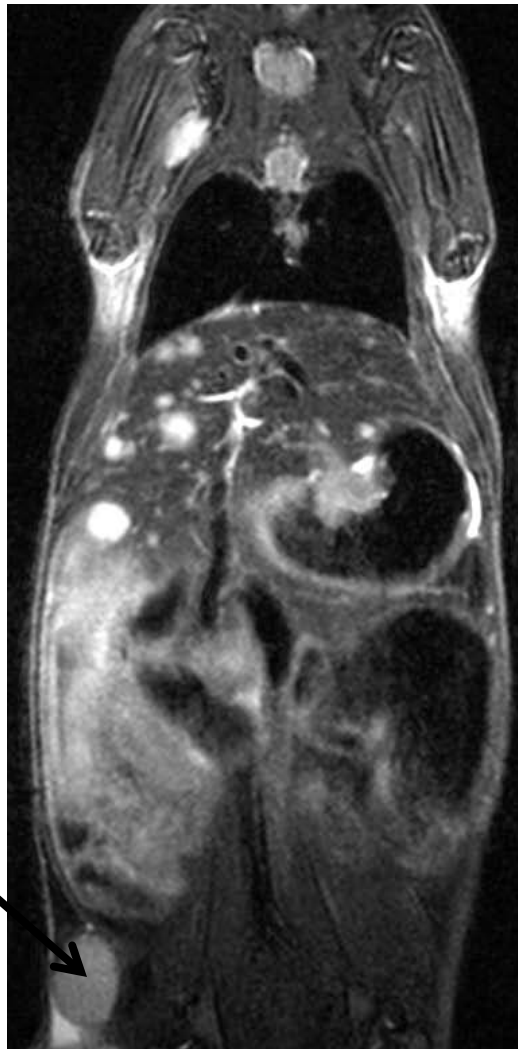


**T2 Image of Primary In Place**

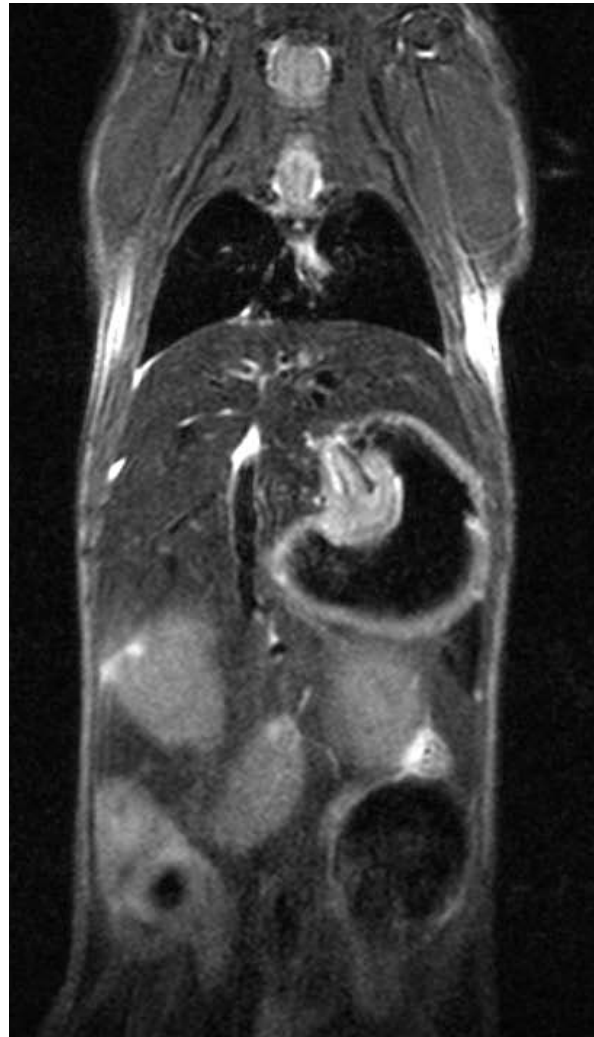
**Multiple Liver Metastases**



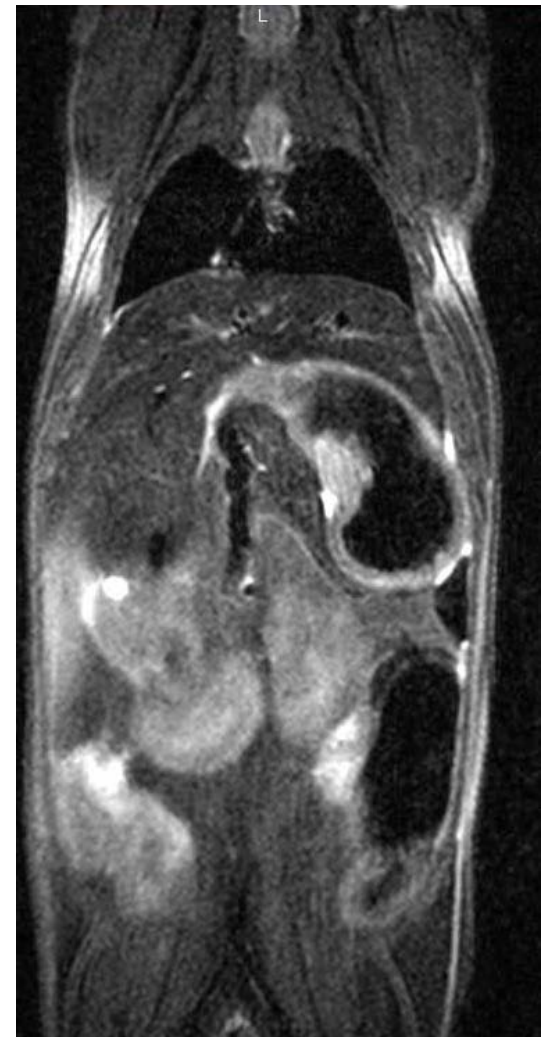
**BL-0293 Bladder Tumor:**  
**Single Cycle of ABT-888 + TMZ Begun 8/12/2015 (Daily X 5d)**



**8/12/2015: Pre-Dose**



**8/27/2015: CR**



**9/04/2015: CR**

# Nude Rat PDXs: Implanted from Human PDXs Grown in NSG Mice

PDX ID	CTEP SDC Diagnosis	Growth in Rat (Passageable tumor)
172845-121-B	Adenocarcinoma - colon	No Growth
CN0330F216	Adenocarcinoma - colon	No Growth
CN0375F725	Adenocarcinoma - colon	Yes
CN0428F1126	Adenocarcinoma - colon	No Growth
CN0446F447	Adenocarcinoma - colon	Yes
466732-252-T	Adenocarcinoma - small intest.	Yes
ST0110F1568	GIST, poorly differentiated	No Growth
295223-140-R	H & N squamous cell car.	Yes
SA0426F1136	Leiomyosarcoma - not uterine	Yes
692163-330-T	Leiomyosarcoma - uterus	Yes
941425-263-T	Mesothelioma	Yes
LG0904F1496	Neuroendocrine cancer	Yes
LG0703F948	NSCLC, Adenocarcinoma	No Growth
LG0807F1297	NSCLC, Adenocarcinoma	Yes
LG1189F1952	NSCLC, Adenocarcinoma	Yes
114551-080-T	Salivary gland cancer, acinic	No Growth
275155-148-R	Salivary gland cancer, adenocarcinoma	Yes
LG0520F434	Squamous cell lung carcinoma	No Growth
LG0830F1385	Squamous cell lung carcinoma	Yes
416634-122-T	Transitional cell car. - uroth.	Yes
BL0269F402	Urothelial/bladder cancer	Yes
BL0293F563	Urothelial/bladder cancer	Yes
BL0382F1232	Urothelial/bladder cancer	Yes
BL0470F1820	Urothelial/bladder cancer	Yes
SA0350F605	Uterine cancer, undifferentiated sarcoma	Yes

A total of 54 models have been implanted into nude rats

- Of the 25 assessable models (table) there is a 72% success rate growing PDXs.
- 29 additional models are still in P0 growth
- Possible now to assess CTCs

Of interest: Previous less successful attempts to grow traditional xenografts in nude rats have been started from in vitro culture and required a larger cell number implanted than normal to grow a xenograft.

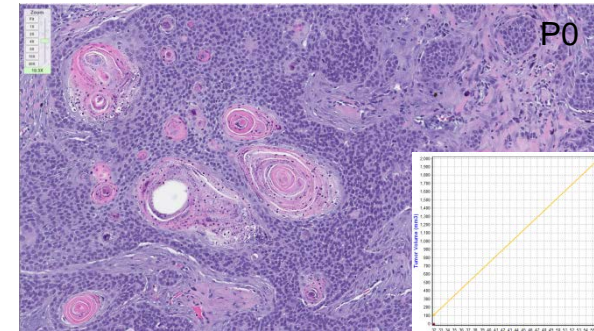
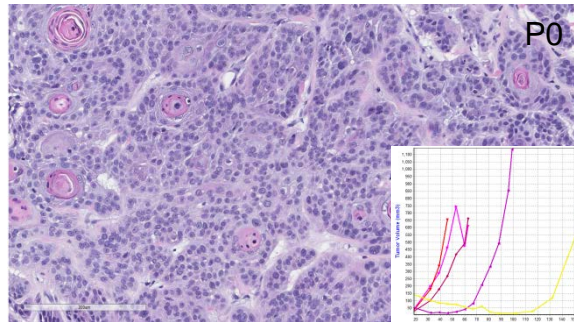


# Similar Pathology in Mouse and Rat PDXs

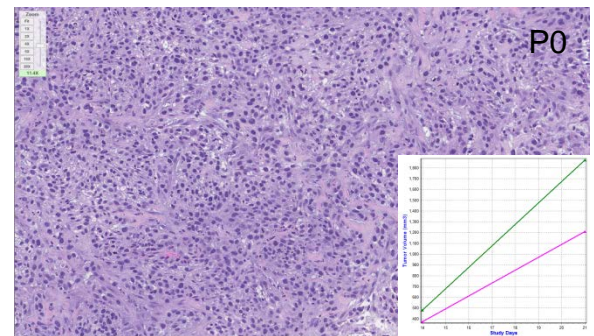
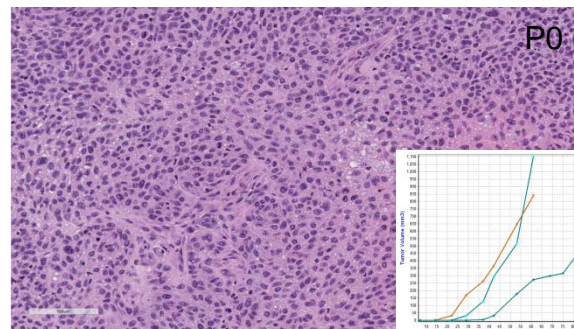
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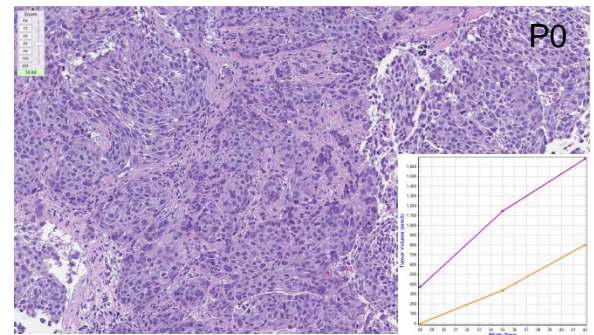
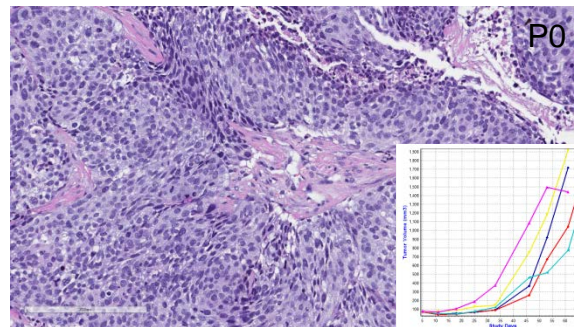
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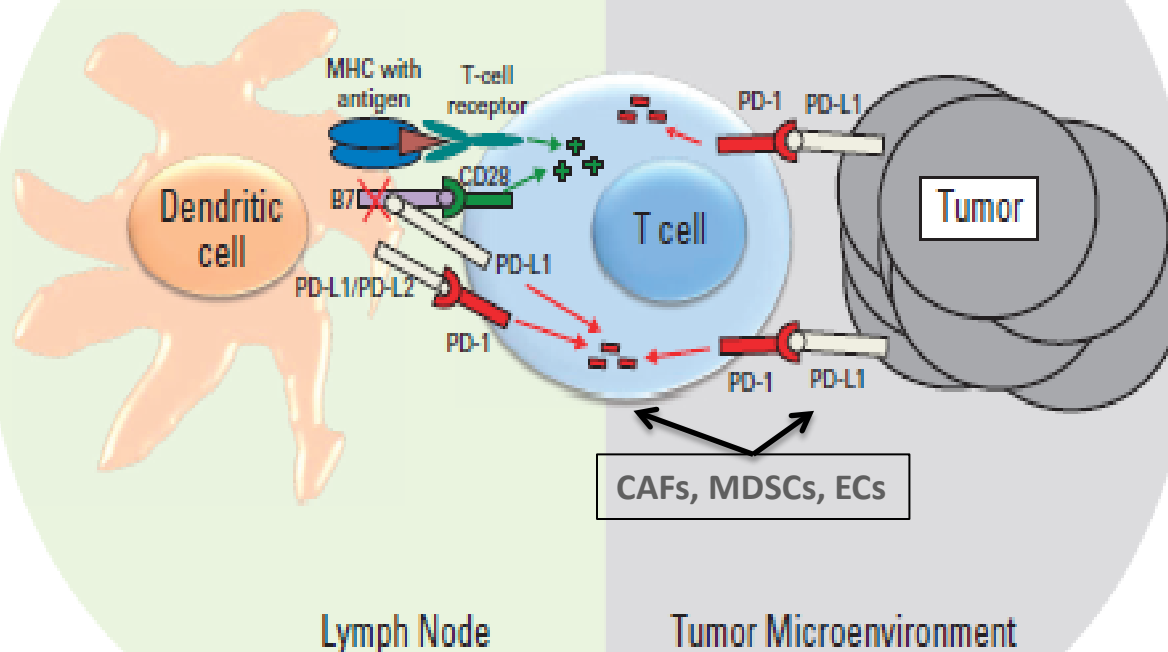


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# Enhancing Immunotherapy Models

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- Develop complementary models of spontaneous tumors amenable to pre-clinical tissue sampling and clinical trials: COTC
- For pre-clinical modeling of immunotherapy combinations using species specific reagents



## FNLCR Patient Derived Cancer Models Repository: Future Possibilities

- Distribution of models: PDXs, conditionally-reprogrammed cell lines, DNA, RNA, whole cell lysates first quarter 2016
- Use as core resource in support of extramural SCLC consortium
- Support development of extramural early phase pre-clinical clinical trials consortium
- Novel models to develop immunotherapy combinations and PD, for example in comparative oncology trials
- Support extramural studies that require in vivo use of investigational agents—performed at FNLCR with PI



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